

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Summary of the Office Action

The title stands objected to.

The disclosure stands objected to.

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vollkommer et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,034,470) in view of *Kuznetzoff* (U.S. Patent No. 4,270,823).

Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vollkommer* in view of *Miyazaki* (U.S. Patent No. 5,800,232).

Claims 8-13 are allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicant has amended the title and the disclosure by this amendment. Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 8-24 are pending, with claims 14-24 being directed to non-elected inventions and withdrawn from consideration.

Objection to the Title

The title stands objected to for allegedly being not descriptive. Applicant has amended the title to address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to the title be withdrawn.

Specification Objection

The disclosure stands objected to because of page 16, line 13 and page 21, line 20 of the disclosure use the term "phosphor gas" with respect to the fill gas of the display device.

Applicant has amended the disclosures by adopting the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to the disclosure be withdrawn.

The Disposition of the Claims

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 8-13 as noted on Page 4 of the Office Action. While Applicant agrees that these claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the prior art, Applicant respectfully does not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features expressed in page 5 of the Office Action, nor that each and every feature recited in the claims is required for patentability.

In addition, claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vollkommer et al.* in view of *Kuznetzoff*. Claims 5-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Vollkommer* in view of *Miyazaki*. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-7 as the cancellation of claims 1-7 renders the rejections moot.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited. Should there remain any questions or comments regarding this response or the application in general, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

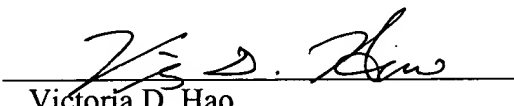
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE TITLE:

The title has been amended to read as follows.

FLAT LUMINESCENCE LAMP [AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE
SAME]

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph 0058 has been amended as follows.

[0058] Subsequently, the first substrate 31 and the second substrate 31a are bonded to each other and a [phosphor] gas, such as Xe gas, is injected between them through a gas injection hole. The substrates are sealed by forming the frame by soldering using a glass solder. Thus, the process for manufacturing the flat luminescent lamp according to the first embodiment of the present invention is completed.

Paragraph 0075 has been amended as follows.

[0075] Subsequently, the first substrate 51 and the second substrate 51a are bonded to each other and a [phosphor] gas, such as Xe gas, is injected between them through a gas injection hole (not shown). Thus, the substrates 51 and 51a are sealed by forming frames through soldering using [such as] , for example, a glass solder. Finally, a process for manufacturing the flat luminescent lamp according to the third embodiment of the present invention is completed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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